Programme which was launched in November 1995 was reviewed during the year 1996 and 1997.

(c) The cumulative financial and physical achievement of the Programme during the two years of its implementation is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 56].

(d) The programme has ceased to be in operation since 30.11.97 and has since been subsumed into a new unified scheme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) *w.e.f.* 1.12.97.

Steps to alleviate poverty in Punjab

1975. SHRI SUKHEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken amount spent and result achieved to alleviate poverty in Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of people provided employment opportunities during this period; and

(c) the details of the scheme for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) (a) and (b) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) was launched with effect from 01.12.97 by the Government, on an all India basis, for the benefit of the urban poor. Statement showing amounts provided as central release during the last three years to Punjab under SJSRY is as under:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Name of the State	Released during 1997-98	Released during 1998-99	Released during 1999-2000	Total Amount Released 1997-2000
Punjab	68.33	135.22	53.86	257.41

The number of persons benefited under the various components of SJSRY as reported by the Govt. of Punjab are as follows:

(*Figures in lakhs*)

	97-98*	98-99	99-2000	Total
Number of persons assisted under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)	Nil	93	2689	2782
Number of mandays of work generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)	Nil	0.40	2.16	2.56
Number of persons benefited under Community Structure Component	Nil	9.25	Nil	9.25

*Programme started on 01.12.1997

(c) The SJSRY continues to be implemented in Punjab and the rest of the country in current year also. Punjab has been allocated a sum of Rs. 151.27 lakhs and so far a sum of Rs. 53.86 lakhs has been released under SJSRY in 1999-2000.

Reservation of posts for sports persons

1976. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation of posts in the Ministries/ Departments for Sports persons;

(b) whether any survey was done in the past in regard to posts so reserved in all the Ministries/Departments;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government have any proposal for undertaking such an exercise in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH) (a) No, Sir. However, up to 5% vacancies in the Ministries/ Departments of the Government can be filled up by meritourius sports persons in Group 'C'and 'D' posts in relaxation of prescribed procedures/rules, in compliance with Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 14015/1/78-Estt. (D) dated the 4th August, 1980.